

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

**July 10, 2007
Tuesday**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in executive session starting at 10:35 a.m., via conference call, with Chair Chris Murphy presiding.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Debra Cook, Jon Costas, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, Ken Sendelweck, and Michael Smith

III. DECISION ITEM

A. Indiana-Ohio Reciprocity Agreement

Mr. Jeffrey Stanley, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning Studies, explained what reciprocity agreements are and how they benefit each state. He also gave a brief history of the Indiana-Kentucky Reciprocity Agreement and the Indiana-Ohio Reciprocity Agreement. He expressed the staff's concerns regarding the lack of enrollment parity between Indiana and Ohio. The proposed one-year renewal of the agreement addresses the lack of parity by capping the number of Ohio students who would be subsidized by Indiana, by meeting with Ohio institutional representatives to study and improve their marketing strategies and developing a corrective plan, and by holding additional meetings with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and the University of Cincinnati to include them in the agreement and dissolve the current contract of space arrangement with these two institutions. Mr. Stanley pointed out that Ohio legislation requires that there be parity between the states and that any parity either be corrected or the agreement be dissolved. He gave the staff recommendation.

Mr. Michael Smith noted that based on the data provided in the agenda materials Ball State University would be at the highest risk if the agreement was dissolved. He asked if Ball State would be able to continue to charge in-state tuition and fee rates to these Ohio students and whether or not this would be a net or marginal loss to Ball State if the agreement was dissolved. Mr. Stanley noted that Ball State is considered a stable campus, and as such, does not receive enrollment growth funds for these students. Mr. Thomas Kinghorn, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer, Ball State University, responded that Ball State could continue to charge in-state tuition and fee rates to these Ohio students absent the agreement at the discretion of their Board of Trustees. Mr. Philip Sachtleben, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations, Ball State University, responded that it would represent a net loss since the institution must set its tuition and fee rates every two years.

Ms. Marilyn Moran-Townsend asked why the agreement only encompassed the central portion of the border and not the whole border. Mr. Stanley responded that the initial intent was to have a whole border agreement similar to Indiana's agreement with Kentucky as such an agreement is more conducive to achieving enrollment parity between the states. Mr. Stanley noted that the Ohio institutions in the Greater Cincinnati Area have not been willing to join the agreement. He noted that the goal over the next year is to work with these institutions to bring them into the agreement as well as the northern portion of the Indiana-Ohio border.

Mr. Smith asked if it would be appropriate to request that staff make a full border agreement a requirement for any future renewal of the agreement past this one-year term. Dr. Nasser H. Paydar, Interim Chancellor, Indiana University East, stated that the enrollment generated through this agreement is critical for the IU East campus, and he is worried that if a full border agreement cannot be reached those students currently benefiting from the arrangement would be disadvantaged.

Chair Chris Murphy asked for Mr. Stanley to describe past efforts to develop reciprocity agreements with Michigan and Illinois. Mr. Stanley stated that Michigan does not have a state higher education agency like the Commission, making such agreements difficult to achieve. He noted that Ohio has achieved small agreements with one or two Michigan institutions and is exploring a potential tri-state agreement that would involve Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Typically, such arrangements have to be made with individual Michigan institutions. Mr. Stanley noted that he has been in contact with staff from the Illinois Board of Higher Education regarding a reciprocity agreement for the northwestern Indiana-Illinois border. While expressing interest, Illinois has indicated a greater interest in implementing a statewide reciprocity arrangement through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

R-07-06.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana-Ohio Tuition Reciprocity Agreement, 2007-2008. (Motion – Smith, second - Sendelweck, unanimously approved)

B. Memorandum of Understanding with Ball State University Regarding the Transfer Indiana Central Office

Dr. Kenneth Sauer, Associate Commissioner for Research and Academic Affairs, gave background information on the 2006 General Assembly's allocation of funds to implement the TransferIN website. He explained the terms of the MOU and gave the staff recommendation.

Responding to a question from Mr. Thomas Kinghorn, Dr. Sauer confirmed that the stated staff recommendation included the staff's ability to make technical changes to the language of the MOU as negotiations with Ball State are finalized.

R-07-06.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby authorizes staff to sign the TransferIN memorandum of understanding with Ball State University. (Motion – Sendelweck, second - Costas, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs on Which Staff Propose Expedited Action

Staff presented a list of academic degree program proposals for expedited action. There was no discussion of these items.

R-07-06.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves by consent the following degree program(s), in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item:

- Master of Science in Engineering to be offered by Purdue University through the IPFW Campus
- Master of Public Administration to be offered by Indiana State University Statewide via Distance Education Technology
- Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science in Criminal Justice to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Sellersburg in Sellersburg
- Associate of Science in Nursing to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Kokomo in Logansport
- Technical Certificate in Computer Information Systems to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana in Bloomington, Columbus, Evansville, Indianapolis, Lafayette, and Terre Haute

(Motion – Smith, second – Moran-Townsend, unanimously approved)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chris Murphy, Chair

Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Secretary

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Resolutions

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<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Action</u>
R-07-06.1	RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Indiana-Ohio Tuition Reciprocity Agreement, 2007-2008. (Motion – Smith, second - Sendelweck, unanimously approved)	Approved
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